

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 1:30 p.m.  
MAG Office Building, Cholla Room  
302 North First Avenue, Phoenix

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Brandon Forrey, Peoria, Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Tami Ryall, Gilbert
Reed Kempton, Scottsdale, Vice-Chair of Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee	Steve Hancock, Glendale
Michael Sanders, ADOT	Joe Schmitz, Goodyear
* Michael Eagan, ASLA, Arizona Chapter	Michael Cartsonis, Litchfield Park
Margaret Boone-Pixley, Avondale	Denise Lacey, Maricopa County
Robert Wisener, Buckeye	Jim Hash, Mesa
^ D.J. Stapley, Carefree	Katherine Coles, Phoenix
Bob Beane for Rich Rumer, Coalition of Arizona Bicyclists	Lisa Padilla, Queen Creek
Doug Strong, El Mirage	Peggy Rubach, RPTA
	Eric Iwersen, Tempe

\*Members neither present nor represented by proxy.

^Attended via audio-conference

OTHERS PRESENT

Hobart Wingard, Surprise  
Bob Bortfeld, Chandler  
Siobhan Pena, Valley Metro

1. Call to Order

Brandon Forrey called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approval of the October 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes of the Pedestrian Working Group and the Regional Bicycle Task Force

Steve Hancock had two corrections: under the Glendale New River Multi-use Path project, the path would be installed first and the amenities would be installed in the second phase. On the Glendale New River/Grand Canal Pathways - Hub Connector there will be an underpass rather than a bridge providing a grade separated access not an at-grade access.

Steve Hancock moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee for October 20, 2009. Jim Hash seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Call to the Audience

An opportunity was provided to members of the public to address the Bicycle Task Force and the Pedestrian Working Group on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public were requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes was provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Bicycle and the Pedestrian Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items were given an opportunity at the time the item was heard.

### 4. Transportation Improvement Program Application Review and Ranking

Committee members were asked to review, rank and develop a recommended list of projects for approval for the Transportation Improvement Program FY2014. Maureen DeCindis referred committee members to the excel spreadsheet list of projects. There is \$531,472 still available to fund projects. Technical committees cannot change the project scope, schedule, budget or requested amount of funds during the evaluation process.

Steve Hancock said that the scoring system was very objective and suggested that whatever project has the highest score should be put forward. Katherine Coles said that it would have been better if the committee could ask jurisdictions if they could come up with a greater match. Reed Kempton asked if the committee could suggest funding the next project on the list even though the cost of the project is more than is available. Eric Iwersen asked if Phoenix could accept less funding. Reed Kempton expressed concern that the town of Gilbert project traffic vehicle count was erroneous. Brandon Forrey noted that the CMAQ score for the town of Gilbert, even though it was based on a potentially erroneous traffic count, was ranked near the last.

D.J. Stapley noted that the parameters have been set with quantitative analysis so maybe the committee could give the qualitative score a weight. Reed Kempton suggested asking for the Transportation Review Committee (TRC) for the extra \$800,000 needed to fund the Phoenix Grand Canal Multi-use Path.

Robert Wisener suggested come up with plan A to fund in rank order and then plan B to fund projects that could be funded with the \$531,472.

Brandon Forrey suggested just provide a ranked list to TRC. Eric Iwersen recommended that the comment section reflect that Phoenix can come up with the dollars needed. The committee should be as true to the process as possible. Brandon Forrey reported that as the pedestrian representative on TRC there was a situation where there was not enough money for a County project and two agencies agreed to give up the funding for that project. Michael Cartsonis asked if the committee could suggest a change in scope. Maureen DeCindis explained that technical committees cannot change the project scope, schedule, budget or requested amount of funds during the evaluation process.

Brandon Forrey suggested applying the qualitative Highly Recommended/Recommended classification to the scoring process. Katherine Coles had concerns that the qualitative reasoning would alter the TRC's consideration of the current mathematical scoring process. Robert Wisener suggested using only the bike/ped scores and not the CMAQ scores. Brandon Forrey explained that the scores somewhat match each other in that both take into account the length of the project, etc. Eric Iwersen noted that this

might be adding too much to create a third element to measure the merits of the projects.

Michael Cartsonis asked if the committee needs to give CMAQ score equal weight to the bike/ped score. Maureen DeCindis explained that this year both the bike/ped score and the CMAQ score were given equal weight but the committee could discuss a different strategy for the future. Brandon Forrey explained that there will be a subcommittee to review the TIP application questions and Evaluation Criteria starting in January. The following members volunteered to serve on the subcommittee:

- Peggy Rubach
- Margaret Boone-Pixley
- Reed Kempton
- Eric Iwersen
- Jim Hash
- Katherine Coles
- Doug Strong
- Michael Cartsonis

Brandon Forrey asked if there were any other comments from committee members on this subject. Joe Schmitz would like an explanation for the CMAQ score. Maureen DeCindis explained the components considered in CMAQ score were the Average Daily Trips on the nearest parallel arterial, the length of miles of the project and the number of activity centers. The CMAQ score calculates the number of trips reduced and the number of vehicle miles of travel reduced.

Denise Lacey noted that the County did not meet many of the criteria but applying a classifier such as Highly Recommended and Recommended is within the scope of this committee. Peggy Rubach noted the list is a defacto recommended list. Margaret Boone-Pixley suggested that if there is a certain safety issue, the project should not be recommended.

Reed Kempton moved that the committee forward the list of recommended projects to the TRC with the recommendation that the Phoenix Grand Canal MultiUse Path Connection at Indian School Road and 16<sup>th</sup> Street be funded with the balance of the \$531,472. D.J. Stapely seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Request for Project Change

The Town of Fountain Hills is requesting a project change to FTH11-701: Fountain Hills Blvd - Originally Shea Blvd – Crystal Point Dr. The committee considered the request from the Town of Fountain Hills to re-scope the above project, shortening its southerly project limit (from Shea Blvd. to Cholla Drive). Randy Harrel noted that this project was initially funded for far less than the original request. The most vital piece of the project will now be funded and built. Katherine Coles moved to accept the request for project change and Jim Hash seconded the motion. Michael Cartsonis asked if the name of the road will be changed. Randy Harrel responded that the name of the road will not be changed. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Request for Design Assistance Program Funding

Traditionally the Design Assistance Program funding was separated between Bicycle and Pedestrian projects. The committee discussed the feasibility of combining the funding thus allowing for more flexibility in choosing projects. Katherine Coles noted that this is a combined committee now. Michael Cartsonis asked if this funding was federally prescribed allocations. Maureen DeCindis responded that there is no federal requirement defining a split between bicycle or pedestrian projects and that many projects are for multi-use pathways. Jim Hash suggested MAG staff request \$400,000 for the combined Design Assistance Program. The committee concurred.

7. Request for Future Agenda Items

Members have the opportunity to suggest future agenda topics. Peggy Rubach would like to give a presentation on the extensive activities with the Valley Metro grants that include Bike/Ped safety education and Safe Routes to School programs.

8. Next Meetings

All meetings will be on the third Tuesday of the month in the Cholla Room at 1:30 p.m., except for December meeting that begins at noon.

December 15, 2009 (noon)  
January 19, 2010  
February 23, 2010  
March 23, 2010  
April 20, 2010  
May 18, 2010  
June 15, 2010  
July 20, 2010  
August 17, 2010  
September 21, 2010  
October 19, 2010  
November 16, 2010  
December 14, 2010 at noon